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## CROP PRODUCTION

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**Maryland:** Based on conditions September 1<sup>st</sup>, corn and soybean production is expected to be higher than the August



forecast, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. **Corn** production is forecast at 57.2 million bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast and up 77 percent from last year's production of 32.3 million bushels. Yield is projected at 133 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from the August forecast and up 57 bushels per acre from last year's estimate of 76 bushels per acre. From the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Crop Progress Report, corn condition was rated 21 percent excellent, 51 percent good, 15 percent fair, 9 percent poor and 4 percent very poor.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 14.9 million bushels, up 6 percent from the August forecast and up 37 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from August and up 10 bushels from 2002's 23 bushels per acre. From the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Crop Progress Report, soybean condition was rated 15 percent excellent, 38 percent good, 26 percent fair, 15 percent poor, and 6 percent very poor.

**Tobacco** production is forecast at 2.1 million pounds for 2003, unchanged from the August forecast, but down 12 percent from 2002's production level of 2.4 million pounds.

Yield is projected at 1,400 pounds per acre, the same as the August forecast and 2002. From the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Crop Progress Report, tobacco condition was rated 24 percent excellent, 40 percent good, 25 percent fair, 8 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor. As of September 2, 2003, 15 percent of the tobacco has been harvested.

**United States:** **Corn** production is forecast at 9.94 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 10 percent above 2002. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 138.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August but up 8.5 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.64 billion bushels, down 8 percent from the August forecast and 3 percent below 2002. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 36.4 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from August. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996.

## Acreage, Yield, and Production

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>Maryland</b>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	510	510	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	425	430	76	133	32,300	57,190
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	80	----	12	----	960	----
Soybeans	BU	490	460	470	450	23	33	10,810	14,850
Sorghum <sup>1</sup>	BU	5	5	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	4	4	47	----	188	----
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	1	---	11	----	11	----
Winter Wheat	BU	195	165	180	150	66	36	11,880	5,400
Barley	BU	45	45	41	40	82	61	3,362	2,440
All Hay	TON	----	----	220	215	2.3	----	508	----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	60	50	2.6	----	156	----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	160	165	2.2	----	352	----
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	1.7	1.5	1,400	1,400	2,380	2,100
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	32,000	37,000
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	250	240	1,175	1,104
<b>United States</b>								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	79,054	79,066	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	69,313	71,815	130	139	9,008	9,944
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	7,490	----	14	----	105	----
Soybeans	BU	73,758	73,653	72,160	72,626	37.8	36.4	2,730	2,643
Sorghum <sup>1</sup>	BU	9,580	9,777	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	7,299	8,041	50.7	51.0	370	410
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	352	----	9.5	----	3	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	41,735	44,349	29,651	36,491	39	47	1,143	1,712
Barley	BU	5,073	5,461	4,135	4,899	55	58	227	281
All Hay	TON	----	----	64,497	64,379	2.34	2.49	151	160
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	23,135	23,541	3.19	3.31	74	78
Other Hay	TON	----	----	41,362	40,838	1.86	2.01	77	82
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	428.7	413.7	2,055	2,008	881	831
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	8,556	9,267
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	62.2	64.6	59.1	60.5	304	320	18	19

<sup>1</sup> Acres planted is for all purposes

<sup>2</sup> Published January 2003

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Maryland wheat prices improved in August, while corn and barley prices remained the same. Wheat increased \$0.19 per bushel from July. Soybeans fell \$0.16 per bushel from July, but were \$0.10 per bushel more than a year ago August. Cattle and hog prices were both higher than last month and

a year ago. Cattle prices rose \$4.70 per hundredweight from July, and hogs were up \$.80. Broiler and egg prices were up from last month. Chicken prices remained unchanged.

Commodity	Unit	Maryland and Delaware			United States			
		Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug <sup>1</sup> 2003	Parity Price
Dollars								
Wheat, Winter	BU	3.20	2.96	3.15	3.63	2.89	3.39	9.64
Corn	BU	2.81	2.64	2.64	2.38	2.17	2.13	6.59
Barley	BU	1.42	1.70	1.70	2.68	2.74	2.58	6.52
Soybeans	BU	5.59	5.80	5.64	5.53	5.83	5.56	14.40
All Hay, Baled	TON	133.00	150.00	153.00	92.40	89.00	85.30	----
All Beef Cattle	CWT	62.60	73.70	78.40	64.40	75.80	78.50	158.00
Calves	CWT	80.30	82.70	83.90	94.90	103.00	105.00	215.00
Hogs	CWT	28.30	41.20	42.00	31.90	42.80	41.10	102.00
Chickens <sup>2</sup>	LB	0.001	0.082	0.082	----	----	----	----
Broilers	LB	0.377	0.328	0.305	0.290	0.360	0.370	----
Turkeys, Live	LB	----	----	----	0.382	0.331	0.322	0.981
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.505	0.586	0.695	0.436	0.524	0.669	1.58

<sup>1</sup> Mid-Month Forecast

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Broilers

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED			
INDEX AND RATIOS	UNITED STATES 1990 - 92 =100		
	AUG 2002	JUL 2003	AUG 2003
All Farm Products	100	*105	108
All Crops	113	*109	112
Feed Grain & Hay	110	*102	100
Oil- Bearing Crops	99	104	99
Fruits & Nuts	124	*123	122
All Livestock and Livestock Products	87	*101	105
Meat Animals	84	*101	103
Dairy Products	87	*92	100
Poultry and Eggs	93	109	114
Ratio <sup>1</sup>	81	83	85
Prices Paid Index	124	127	127

\* Revised

<sup>1</sup> Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid

## OCTOBER RELEASE CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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